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Town Topics.

WHAT OUR PEOPLE ARE DOING.
ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED
UP ABOUT TOWN.

"A City That is Set on a Hill Can-
not Be Hid."

Frank Ballard of Gilead, has
been spending a few days in town.
Mrs. Ethel Metcalf of Farmington,
is visiting her parents, Mr.
and Mrs. Seth Walker.

The Ladies' Circle has been pre-
sented with ten dozen new dishes
by Mrs. John Swan.

Master Irving R. Harriman has
a sunflower which is four feet high
and was in bloom May 30.

Miss Alice Twitchell of Augusta,
will spend the coming week with
her sister, Mrs. Irving French.

Mrs. Geo. P. Locke and daugh-
ters, Marjorie and Irene, are visit-
ing at Mr. Newton Richardson's.

Miss Verna Littlehale, who has
been home, ill with measles, has
returned and is stopping with Mrs.
Irving French.

Durward Mason went to Nor-
way, Monday, and spent a deligh-
tful afternoon, bass fishing on Lake
Pennesseewassee.

Miss Etta Belle Pratt of Wilton,
is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. B.
Eldridge; she is a graduate of Wil-
ton Academy, class of '99.

Mrs. Mary O. Foster returned to
her home in Newry, Saturday; she
has been visiting her son, C. O.
Foster, for two weeks.

The can makers at the corn shop
started for Corinth Monday morn-
ing, to make the cans at the new
factory of J. & E. A. Wyman.

Mr. P. A. Whitney of Upton, a
machinist, has removed to Bethel,
and is occupying one of the Phil-
brook houses on Elm street.

Hiram Wiles and family started
for Nova Scotia to-day. Mr. Wiles
will return in two weeks but his
family will remain during the
summer.

A large and complete stock of the
world famous Queen Quality shoes
can be found at Ceylon Rowe's. A
new lot just opened. Call and ex-
amine them.

Children's Day will be observed
at the M. E. church next Sabbath.
The pastor will preach an appro-
priate sermon in the morning, and
the Sabbath school will give a con-
cert at 7 p. m.

Dr. Eli Wight of Chicago, Ill., a
former Maine boy who has been in
the West for the last thirty years,
is on a short visit to his sisters,
Miss Diana Wight, Mrs. Mina W.
Harriman, and Mrs. Banister N.
Chapman.

The Lewiston District yearly
meeting of the Epworth League,
which is to be held at the Bethel
M. E. church, June 14-15, promises
to be full of interest. A very com-
plete and carefully arranged pro-
gram has been provided. See pro-
gram as printed in this issue.

At a meeting of the directors of
the Bethel Chair Company, held
last Wednesday, the resignations
of W. W. Hastings, E. C. Rowe and
E. C. Rich as directors, were accept-
ed and E. L. Tebbets, A. E. Her-
rick, and J. M. Philbrook elected
to fill the vacancies. E. C. Park
also sent in his resignation as Treas-
urer, and Mr. Tebbets was elected
to the position. Mr. Tebbets was
made general manager of the busi-
ness. Mr. Barrows is president
and superintendent of the factory,
and C. O. Foster is book-keeper.
The factory was closed for the
remainder of the week for the
purpose of taking account of stock;
it started up again Monday morning.

Notice to the Societies of Bethel.

We are about to make some
changes in the News and among
other things, we shall add a Bethel
directory.

To this end, the secretaries of the
various lodges, societies, and clubs
are earnestly requested to furnish
us at their earliest convenience, a
list of their officers, the time and
place of meeting and any other in-
formation that they may desire to
have given.

EDITOR.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss.
I, FRANK J. CHENEY, make oath that
he is the senior partner of the firm of
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Sworn to before me and subscribed in
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And so I say that if all the days
we are wont to commemorate
should become as common days,
and only this one day be observed
throughout the land, we would in
its observance combine all the
sentiments expressed by the others.
I would be the last to tear from
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But next to it must be placed the
sacrifice of those who died for you
and me, for we do not all consider

Fatal Accident.

Rumford Falls, June 3.—John
McMullen, the night engineer of
the Rumford Falls paper mills,
who was severely scalded and
otherwise injured by the blowing
out of the cylinder head of a 1000-
horse power engine Friday night,
died soon after midnight. He was
30 years of age. The accident has
necessitated the shutting down of
five big machines, until repairs
have been made.

The engine had been pounding
badly through the night, and
Superintendent Metcalf had come
in to see if he could not remedy
the trouble. The force of the explo-
sion sent him flying through the
door, but strange to say he was not
hurt. The noise of the explosion
aroused the village and an alarm
of fire was sent in. The engine
drove the electric generator by
which the mill is lighted and as
soon as the explosion occurred, all
was total darkness.

Notice.

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LOCAL NEWS.

The La.les' Club will be omitted this week.

Wilfred Bowler and family returned home Monday.

Rev. Arthur Varley was in Farmington, Tuesday.

Will Gibson of Gorham is spending his vacation in town.

Miss Fannie Philbrook of Shelburne was in town last week.

Mrs. J. L. Harris of Portland is a guest of Mrs. F. S. Chandler.

Miss Bertha Watts of Portland is a guest at Mr. T. H. Chapman's.

Mrs. Dr. Bradbury and daughter Marguerite, are visiting in town.

Miss Gladys Fletcher of West Bethel, was in the village, Tuesday.

Mrs. Ellen Barrows of West Paris, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Young this week.

Mrs. Fred Robertson and her daughter Ida, of Gorham, N. H., are visiting Mrs. Ida M. Durkee.

Miss Hattie Foster returned from Waltham Saturday, where she has been visiting relatives.

The W. C. T. U., will not meet next week, June 13, according to adjournment, but one week later.

Mr. Alphonse Van Den Kerckhoven of Boston, is in town for a few days, a guest at Dr. Morton's.

Mrs. F. J. Roberts and son, of Lynn, Mass., are visiting Mrs. Roberts' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Capen.

Mr. Paul Hamilton of Mechanic Falls, came to Bethel this morning to visit friends and attend the graduation exercises.

"Like diamonds rain-drops glisten." Drops of Hood's Sarsaparilla are precious jewels for the blood which glisten in their use.

Mrs. Ida M. Woodbury will occupy the pulpit at the Congregational church next Sunday morning. In the evening she will speak in the chapel.

Several new books have recently been added to the Bethel Library; among them is a volume of memorial addresses to the late Congressman Dingley, presented by E. S. Kilborn.

Business is flourishing at the butter factory. Mr. Abbott says that the market has not been as good before for five years as it is to-day. This seems to be the report concerning business in general throughout the country.

G. R. Wiley and J. C. Billings returned home yesterday from Middle Dam, where they have been spending a few days on a fishing trip. They brought home the handsome lot of trout that we have seen for a long time.

C. I. Burrows of Rockland was in town last Saturday, looking for family horses. He bought six; one of D. A. Coffin, three of Dr. J. A. Twaddle, one of John Currie, and one of Bartlett Knapp of Newry. Eugene Andrews of Norway, accompanied Mr. Burrows.

Dr. Jas. Twaddle, brother to Dr. J. A. Twaddle is in town for a few days, and has two nice horses with him; one is a nice family mare stands 15-3, and weighs 1100, is safe and kind for a lady to drive, can step a 45 gait to wagon, and road as fast and as far in a day as anybody's horse. This mare is for sale. Another is a bay mare by Also; this mare one year ago could go a 2.50 gait, and later was started in four races, driven by the Doctor's fifteen-year-old son, and won second money four times, driving a horse out in 2:33, and worked a mile over a half-mile ring in 2:27.

"Peace Hath

Her Victories

No less renowned than war," said Milton, and now, in the Spring, is the time to get a peaceful victory over the impurities which have been accumulating in the blood during Winter's hearty eating. The banner of peace is borne aloft by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

It brings rest and comfort to the weary body racked by pains of all sorts and kinds. Its beneficial effects prove it to be the great specific to be relied upon for victory. Hood's never disappoints.

Scrofula.—Running scrofula, sores made up by neighbors. Medical treatment failed. A relative urged me to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. Did so and in a few months the sores completely healed. Mrs. J. M. Hixon, Rine, N. H.

Catarrh.—Disagreeable catarrhal droppings from my throat made me nervous and dizzy. My liver was torpid. Hood's Sarsaparilla corrected both troubles. My health is very good. Mrs. Emma A. Sumner, 171 Main St., Auburn, Maine.

Stomach.—A summer as big as a large egg came under my tongue and lodged in my throat. I was unable to swallow. Hood's Sarsaparilla. The bunch soon disappeared. Mrs. H. M. Conch, 8 Union St., Lowell, Mass.

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Mr. Payson Rich has some 180,000 feet of pine timber off the Eugene Bean lot at East Bethel, and is sending it to the Duntor Lumber company, at Rumford Falls. It will take Mr. Rich until about July 1, to get all the lumber into the river. Mr. O. P. Russell purchased the stumpage of Mr. Bean.

As a result of the challenge in last week's News, the two ball teams of Gould's Academy met last Saturday afternoon at Riverside Park, and played their last game of the term to decide the question as to which of the two lines should be considered the first nine; victory was in favor of the first nine. Score 48 to 28.

Commencement Week.

Sunday afternoon the Baccalaureate sermon before the class of '99, Gould's Academy was preached by Rev. Arthur Varley. At an early hour the congregation began to gather and the church was soon filled to overflowing, extra seats being brought in to accommodate the audience. At 2 o'clock, to the strains of music by Miss Hall, the members of the school, lead by the teachers and class of '99, entered the church taking the seats reserved for them. Music was furnished by the best local talent and the selections were made with much discretion and the singers were at their best.

The church was prettily decorated with green and white, the class colors, and with draperies of blue and yellow, the school colors. The organ was draped with blue and yellow bunting; in the center was the class banner, G. A. '99. At the left of the speaker was a white column draped with blue and surmounted with a basket of yellow poppies. The seats on both sides of the altar were filled with ferns and flowers while a large bank of flowers in front of the pulpit completed the pretty scene. The words of the sermon were ideal words for the young people about to enter upon life's duties and were much appreciated by the members of the class and audience. We shall publish the sermon next week.

COMMUNICATION

To Dr. Fernald from State Veterinary, Geo. H. Bailey. Deering, June 2, 1899.

DEAR DOCTOR:—I returned last night from Poland Springs, where I have been testing cows for several days, and found your letter of the 29th.

There is no doubt about the "cold facts" in regard to glanders being transmissible to mankind, and just here is where the importance of promptly disposing of all such cases, comes in. Among horses themselves it is simply a question of dollars and cents: when it comes to affect their owners it becomes a matter of life and death, and we have had already several cases in the State that ended fatally; we have a most distressing case now of a farmer, who caught glanders from a western horse purchased in Portland not long ago. Last year a man died at Poland, Me., from glanders, and but a few years since Conductor Philbrook, (now of the Maine Central, formerly of the Grand Trunk) lost a brother at Shelburne, N. H., from the same disease. Mr. Berry of Rockland, also died from glanders, a few years ago, from operating upon a horse with farcy; a classmate of mine, also lost his life, very soon after he had graduated, from examining a case of glanders.

There are many instances where veterinary surgeons have died from exposure to the disease. A case has been recently reported in Philadelphia, where a farmer took several horses to winter, and became sick, and sent to his two sons to come home and care for the horses and farm during his illness. The horses proved to be the cause of the old man's illness, and all three of the men died of glanders contracted from the horses. I could give you plenty of such cases. If it were necessary, but there has never been any doubt about the facts, and any one can take the disease, if inoculated, from either a case of glanders or farcy, which are one and the same disease, only differently manifested. You can make what use of the above you care to, and I can prepare you a more careful statement at any time if wanted, while I remain,

Very truly yours,
Geo. H. Bailey, V. S.
To Dr. G. W. Fernald.

Mr. P. Ketcham of Pike City, Cal., says: "During my brother's late sickness from sciatic rheumatism, Chamberlain's Pain Balm was the only remedy that gave him any relief." Many others have testified to the prompt relief from pain which this liniment affords. For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel, and W. H. Crockett, Locke's Mills.

"You May Bend the Sapling, but Not the Tree."

When disease has become chronic and deep-seated it is often difficult to cure it. That is the reason why it is best to take Hood's Sarsaparilla when disease first shows itself in pimples, headaches, indigestion, or other troubles which tell of poor blood, weak stomach, or disordered liver or kidneys. Hood's Sarsaparilla regulates the whole system. It never disappoints. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the favorite family cathartic.

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A MAN

—may go through life without glasses and never miss them, but perhaps if he once saw the world through the proper lens it would all look new to him. Are you sure your eyes do not need attention? It will cost you nothing to see.

EYES EXAMINED FREE.

EDWARD KING, Jeweler and Optician.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Tenth Annual Convention at M. E. Church, Bethel, June 14-15.

The Tenth Annual meeting of the Lewiston District Epworth League will be held at Bethel, on the above date, with the following PROGRAM.

WEDNESDAY, 8:00 p. m.

Opening Exercises. Address of Welcome by the pastor, Rev. V. B. Eldridge.

Response by the President, Rev. A. Hamilton.

Business—Reading of Minutes, and appointing committees on Resolutions and Nominations.

Music.—How the Epworth League can promulgate the Greatest Doctrine of the M. E. Church.

Miss Alice May Douglas.

Eight five-minute Addresses by the District Officers. Subjects—Look Up, Lift Up, Read Up, Brush Up, Write Up, Pay Up, Grow Up, Summed Up.

Discussion.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7:00 O'CLOCK.

Praise and Devotional, Rev. R. A. Rich Solo.

Address—Some of the Possibilities of the Epworth League, Rev. A. S. Ladd, P. E.

Solo, Miss Jane Gibson Reception.

THURSDAY, 5:30 a. m.

Sunrise Prayer Meeting.

Led by Rev. C. H. Wilson.

8:45 a. m.—Praise and Devotional, Rev. R. S. Leard.

Roll Call of Delegates. Reports of Officers. Election of Officers. Miscellaneous Business.

Paper—How can the Active Members be made to feel their Responsibility. Rev. Walter Canham.

Paper—Is it advisable to expect every active member to serve as leader in our League prayer meetings. Rev. H. L. Williams.

Address—Greatest Need of the Epworth League, Rev. C. S. Cummings, Auburn.

Question Box, conducted by Rev. A. S. Ladd, P. E.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Outing—Under the direction of C. H. Davis.

THURSDAY EVENING, 7:00 O'CLOCK.

Praise and Devotional, Rev. J. A. Rich Solo.

Address, Rev. Luther Freeman, Portland Closing Exercises.

Each League is entitled to as many delegates as they can send. Where there is no League the pastor and as many as can come are invited. All Leaguers are invited to be present.

Let each president immediately notify Rev. W. B. Eldridge, Bethel, of the probable size of the delegation from his League and names of those proposing to attend. This will materially aid the entertaining Chapter in providing accommodations.

If it should storm Thursday afternoon, there will be a meeting at the church, commencing at 2:30 o'clock.

The new singing books, "Soul Refreshing Songs" will be used. These books will be on sale at 10¢ per copy. They will also be used at the Empire Grove Campmeeting.

Prof. W. S. Wight will have charge of the singing.

Street Incident.

"My Dear Sir," exclaimed Lawyer Bartholomew Livingston, meeting the Rev. Dr. Archibald Windham on the village street, "What does this mean? I thought you were laid up with all sorts of diseases."

"And so I was," replied the reverend gentleman, "I had an attack of indigestion and from that time on my whole system has been in a disordered condition until I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla which has put me on my feet and cured all my stomach troubles."

"I don't doubt it," said the lawyer. "This same medicine cured my wife of rheumatism and my little boy of scrofula. When they say it's the best medicine money can buy, they only tell the truth."

"Yes, yes, so they do," replied the minister, "and the two passed on."

The Joshua Shimpkins tent show played on Church street last night. It is reported that plenty of fun was afforded those who attended.

Memorial Address.

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though bloodless, are no less renowned. We recognize the dread necessity of war, and this nation has proved conclusively, that her young men stand always ready when her need is urgent, to spring to her defence. And as quickly and as earnestly do they turn to the pursuits of peace when war is over. How quietly the great army of young men, who wore the loyal colors, dissolved when the fighting was done and was absorbed in the mass of the people. From year to year the deeds of that great army are recalled, and the lessons of its sacrifices revived in order that the memory of them shall not perish and that the loyal spirit shall always live.

And so I say to my young friends, the boys of to-day emulate the example of the good and great, who with faith, and hope, and courage, and self control, have written their names on the hearts of their countrymen in letters that shall never perish while memory endures. Then may you hope to live in grateful recollection, even as those in whose honors we gather to-day, those noble men who sacrificed themselves that out of strife might come serenity; who suffered the blight of war that we might enjoy the blessedness of peace.

The flowers of to-day will wither and their fragrance disappear, but next year there will be no lack of the lovely and fragrant blossoms. They serve their purpose and give way to others, and still our senses are gratified and our longings filled. From year to year and from age to age, the good, the beautiful and the true serve their appointed purpose and go to their reward, and are replaced by others who will rival their virtues and perhaps excel them. In the dark days of the rebellion as fast as the bullet of an enemy or shaft of disease cut down a comrade, a recruit took his place, or the line closed up, but we always preserved an unbroken front.

With a light touch of the elbow we felt the magnetism of comradeship and were strong. To-day we face the common enemy of mankind. We find it hard to keep our alignment, there are no recruits to encourage us, and no reserve in supporting distance. We can die but we will not surrender our loyalty, for it is as much a part of us as the blood in our veins. We will not surrender our charity, for it was born into our hearts when we shared our hard task and drank from the same canteen. We will not surrender our fraternity, but with a light touch of the elbow assure ourselves that we are near to noble hearts, and thus go forward unflinchingly, guided by the spirit that led our fallen comrades into glory.

Comrades, there is one more class whom I think I should speak about before I close. They were with us, they were of us in those terrible days. No sacrifice was too great, no suffering too hard to bear. No nobler work was performed. The soldier of the war can never forget them; and these were the loyal, devoted Christian women of the North.

Forty odd years ago, a great war between the Russians on the one side, and the English and French on the other, and at the battle of Inkerman, a noble young English girl made her appearance upon the battlefield, and was caring for the wounded soldiers. So astonished were the soldiers that the firing ceased in front of the place where she was engaged and the soldiers on both sides gazed with admiration and awe at that young girl, as she went about on her holy mission.

Afterwards she was placed in charge of a corps of nurses, and so served until the close of the conflict. When the war was over, emperors, kings and queens showered their presents and congratulations upon her, and the name of Florence Nightingale became a household word throughout the civilized world.

But when that first shot was fired at Sumpter, a shot which brought consternation and dismay to us here in our northern homes, but was heard with cries of exultation by the foreign monarchies of the old world, for them it meant: At last that standing menace to despotism, the great American Republic, has fallen. When that shot was fired and the loyal sons of the North went forth from every walk of life to battle for our country and for our dear old flag, from Canada to the rebel line, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, thousands of Florence Nightingales came forward to do everything they could to aid, to assist and to encourage our brave boys in their noble work. Here at home, mothers, wives, sisters and sweethearts were banded together, the rich and poor alike in one common cause. In the hospitals of our country, hundreds of devoted women conserved the best efforts of their lives; aye, even on the battlefield itself with the shrieking shell and the zipping bullet for a canopy, there, too, she could be found ministering to the suffering of the sick, the wounded and the dying, as only woman can. Comrades, can we ever forget their devotion? I can almost hear you breath your answer: "Never, while we live."

After the war was over and the soldiers of the army had returned to their homes, many of the old flag, purer and holier than ever, with the smile of God, beaming from its constellation of stars, truly the flag of the free, the flag of liberty, for the only stain which had ever discolored its purity, the stain of human slavery, had been washed out by the best life blood of a nation. When we returned to our homes and resumed the peaceful avocation of life and this grand, noble and heaven-born organization, the Grand Army of the Republic was formed, with its principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, its object, the relief of our suffering comrades, the care of the widow and the orphan, again these noble women came forward to consecrate themselves anew in the worthy cause. Later on they organized and under the name of the Woman's Relief Corps, were recognized by the National Encampment as a worthy auxiliary of the Grand Army. They are still engaged in the noble work, and I ask every lady present, who is eligible and who has not joined them, to join them at once. Join them that you may assist in the care of the old soldier and his family. The days of the Grand Army are numbered. Slowly, silently, yet surely, they are passing away. Join them that you too may perhaps make smoother the pathway of many a one to that better home beyond.

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The gray has donned the blue and both have put off sectional hate and put on mutual trust and esteem. Nor is the greater moral victory the one won over ourselves. Great Britain, in 1776 the unnatural mother, in 1812 the overbearing neighbor, in 1861 the ill-disposed foe, in 1898 remembered that she and her daughter across the sea were of the same blood, the same religion, the same language, and said to the ferocious Spaniard, "This is to be a war waged on modern principles and Spanish pirate tactics will not be tolerated."

When England declared coal contraband of war, she cut in two the magnitude of the strife. When the continent urged her to assist in defeating the only "We are about to conquer the world," but she refused, she was to be insignificant. The gray-haired veteran may now go in peace, leaving behind him a land reunited and knit by ties of gratitude to the mightiest power on earth across the seas.

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